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Stephen Crane Gives His Impressions of the Cuban Capital.

OUR TROOPS EAGERLY AWAITED.

Various Wild Rumors Set Afloat by the Havana Newspapers—Cubans Think That as Soon as the Americans Arrive They Will Expel the Spanish—Captain Stewart M. Brie Was Interviewed and Did Not Know It.

The change in the spirit of this city is something wonderful. It is signified by the increased use of a certain proverb. The proverb reads thus:

"It is better to be a lion's tail than a rat's head." If this doesn't edify any American who remembers the old rabid cries of the Havana populace, then all words have lost their significance.

Meantime everybody waits for the commission. Rumors both comic and serious fly in the streets. They do little more than indicate the desires of certain classes or parties. Today it was said that the United States government was going to buy for cash all the public buildings in Cuba and that Spain was going to get the money to pay her troops.

An evening newspaper of yesterday printed an interview of over a column with Captain Stewart M. Brie, greatness. It seems that the interview was conducted in Captain Brie's company, but as neither could speak the other's language none can tell why the interviewer thought he was interviewing anybody. Nevertheless the article, apparently an unspoken statement by one of General Shafter's aids, set every tongue wagging. It was distinctly hostile in its estimate of the Cuban character, and Spaniards were much tickled.

All the newspapers comment on it solemnly this morning. Four Americans who were also at the breakfast say that



STEPHEN CRANE.

Brie and his supposed interviewer did not exchange five words. They couldn't.

Many of the Cubans think that as

soon as the Americans come they are

going to put the Spaniards out bag and

baggage. They are happy over it. Co-

lumbus' bones are being dragged into

the general misunderstanding today.

Some high priced dreamer got it into

his head that the United States was go-

ing to seize the bones of the venerated

discoverer. "These bones are ours, ours

alone, and Spain cannot abandon them

to the insults or indifference of an

inimical race," he exclaims.

Ed. Noticiero Universal this evening makes a laughable attempt to locate the future position of the Spaniards in Cuba. The article also indicates the nature of the popular misconception as to the intentions of the American government. It begins with an expression of satisfaction that the American press has more or less changed its opinion of the Cubans, but sees very little on the horizon for the Spaniards, no matter which way the cat jumps.

"What are the Spaniards to do, fac-
ing this black future?" it asks. "Are we inclined to help the insurgents, or are we inclined to favor the Yankees? The sentimentalism of blood and race alone calls us to the insurgents. If they rule, we will have to leave this coun-
try in order not to become the victims of their hatred."

The instinct of preservation calls us to the Yankees, because we are at least bound to confide without hypocrisy that they are a people of order. But we or later, will be driven out of the island by them, and we will never be able to forget that they are the people who ruined us. What, then, have we to do? This is our opinion:

"We must be only Spaniards; amalgamate form a powerful colony detailed in every way to help the prestige of the fatherland; leave the insurgents and the Yankees to settle their own disputes, and when they have solved the problem we will decide as to our future course, after having studied the pros and cons of our own interests."

For a reason unannounced the au-
thorities have raked up an old law
which declared that no prisoner shall
be given arms to bear for 20 years. The con-
victs who work on the streets are no
longer to wear leg chains. People be-
lieve that the authorities are now will-
ing to let prisoners escape in order to
avoid the expense of them.

An American who has been in
Morro Castle, who has been mobbed in
the streets of Havana, who has been
pealed and hooted throughout the prov-
ince of Havana because he was an
American, said to me today:

"Oh, to see the regulars come up
Obispo street! We are all waiting for it.
He had a memory for his wrongs,
but we are all the same about one thing—
we want to see the regulars march up
Obispo street. There are few enough
Americans here—maybe 30, Red Cross

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E.
Hart, of Groton, S. D. "We taken with

a bad cold which settled on my lungs;

cough set in and finally terminal con-

sumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying

I could live but a short time. I gave myself

up to my Savior, determined if I could not

stay with my friends on earth I could stay

with my angels above. My husband was

advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery

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a trial, took it faithfully, and it cured

me, then God I am saved and a

well and healthy woman." Trial bottles

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members, tobacco buyers and corre-
spondents.

"We are waiting to see our calm,
steady, businesslike regulars swing up
from the wharfs to the Prado. It will
be a great day in Havana."

To illustrate what I have previously
said about the change of sentiment in
Havana I must describe something
which occurred this afternoon. With
some friends I went to visit the graves
of the dead sailors of the Maine.

An old man conducted us to the pitiful
little plot. As we were going he
came to the side of the carriage and said:

"There are a great many people sit-
ting by the gate, and as you go out
would you mind looking back and bow-
ing to me? I want to show them what
great and fine people are my friends."

We gazed at the idea of our being called
great and fine, but at the gate we turned
our heads and bowed fraternally to the
old man, thus allowing him to work
the cold bluff on the populace that he
is on intimate terms with all the Ameri-
cans.

In fact, the position of an American
changes from day to day. At first
scowls, then toleration, then courtesy.
For my part, I came into Havana with
the permission of somebody. I simply
came in. I did not even have a pass-
port. I was at a hotel while the govern-
ment was firmly imprisoning nine cor-
respondents on a steamer in the harbor.

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CAMP WIKOFF TALES.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES OF THE SANTIAGO CAMPAIGN.

Lieutenant Newell and the Brave Sergeant. A New Slang Name for a Popular Sergeant—Major Brown's Orderly Loses His Only Suit of Clothes.

It sometimes happens that a lieutenant finds himself suddenly in command of a company which has been somewhat demoralized by the loss of the man to whose leadership it has become accustomed. Then is the time when he must act swiftly and firmly if he would avoid disaster. Such a crisis came to Lieutenant Newell, second lieutenant of Company A, Twenty-second infantry, at El Caney. Early in the fight the captain and the first lieutenant fell, and the command to Lieutenant Newell, who is a young southerner. His men were nervous and disheartened by their losses, and their commander saw that unless he got them in hand soon there would be some happenings that would not look well in the record.

"What'll I do, sir?" said the orderly, almost weeping. "I can't go about as this is. The—nurses, sir—they'd laugh at me."

"I wouldn't be a bit surprised," said the major, going off into another angle. "The next appearance of the orderly was in a suit built for a general officer. It was too small for the orderly, who is a man of average height, and he implicitly trusted Lieutenant Newell said quietly:

"Sergeant, I want you to go out to me. You're right."

"Yes, sir," said the sergeant, saluting.

The company stood and watched them go. At the first glance the lieutenant saw that the soldier could not move more than a few minutes. He groaned out a request to be taken back to the lines to die.

"All right," said the officer. "We'll take you in a minute. Just lie quiet, and I'll stay with you."

In two minutes, during which time Lieutenant Newell and his sergeant stood by the side of the fallen soldier, the orderly had moved forward to get the wounded soldier. They stood still. Again he ordered them, but they did not move. Turning to a sergeant whom he implicitly trusted Lieutenant Newell said quietly:

"That ain't in the book, sir," said the soldier, who told this incident to the writer, "but by God, that's the sort of thing that wins battles!"

The illustration is not perfect, but it is the echo of the Mayday gun. It is the word "hoot" used as a synonym for a man who is most ready to do his duty.

One remembers the visit of the British delegation to the court of King Menelik. The men were decked out in all sorts of magnificence. They wore the shining uniforms of the Horse guards, the Grenadier Guards and other heraldic organizations. They righted to the African soul of the monarch, and he promptly conceded more than he intended.

At the end of the interview he was asked if he had any objection to be addressed as a "royal." "I am strongly in favor of the retention of the fortification of Manila for use as a naval station. It is the word of honor of the powers of Europe now realize that we have a just claim in the affairs of the far east. I do not think the United States will share in the success of the war.

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FOR SALE.

In accordance with a conclusion reached some two months since the MIDDLETON TRANSCRIPT, good will mailing lists, &c., included, is offered for sale. The reason is the protracted ill health of the editor and proprietor. Formore than two years he has been a victim of liver trouble and though perhaps in general health is as well now as at any time of this period yet a change of climate is advised as necessary. For this reason the paper is offered for sale though with much reluctance many pleasant ties will be thus severed. Such is life. Brother editors will confer favor by noting the fact that the paper is for sale. No more beautiful section of country in which to locate.

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IDEAL NOMINATIONS.

"Why not suggest an ideal candidate for Representative as well as one for State Senator while the TRANSCRIPT is at it," inquires a friend.

Why not? Ideal candidates are not so easily found, and when found there is always danger of prejudicing the case—with the ignorant and narrow. But there is an ideal candidate for Representative in St. Georges hundred and he is a Republican. It should be the duty of the voters of St. Georges hundred in the interest of economy and wise legislation to elect him. But before naming him let us consider the suggestion made last week in good faith.

There is no special honor in serving in the General Assembly. Hundreds of men have served as legislators who were not honored by the position nor did they honor the State. They were figure heads. They were, perhaps, better than positive men with evil instincts. At this time especially men of experience and judgment are needed. Men who have been tried. It was for this reason alone that the TRANSCRIPT last week took the liberty of suggesting the name of Senator Alrichs for re-election. We have but slight personal acquaintance with the Senator and are not certain that we have seen or heard from him in the past twelve months, so there is no "you tickle me and I will tickle you" between Senator Alrichs and the TRANSCRIPT, but the fact is patent that because of his experience and ability he should be prevailed upon to accept the nomination. He does not seek it—so much the stronger the reason for making him not only the nominee but to elect him. The TRANSCRIPT votes for him now and will vote for him at the primary election on September 24th, for one reason only—he is the strongest and best equipped man under the circumstances that can be had.

For Representative there is one man in St. Georges hundred qualified above all others at the present time to serve the hundred and county and State. His fitness is due to his service in the Constitutional Convention, his knowledge of its work and of the laws of the State which need adjusting should make the call of his party unanimous for his nomination. He does not see the nomination but there is no doubt his Republicanism and patriotism are of the quality which would lead him to accept. The TRANSCRIPT has no personal interest in this matter—it is a desire purely for the best men and the most available. The politics of the State is at low ebb and the Republicans of St. Georges should put up their ablest men at this time. We shall vote for Martin B. Burris, Esqr., for Representative to the General Assembly on Sept. 24th at the primaries for the reasons given.

It would seem that the Republicans of Kent and Sussex counties had met with enough defeats because of factional and personal differences to now seek union and harmony. Such is not the case, however. In Sussex the Union Republicans suggested to the Regulars that both conventions be held on Wednesday and then made their call separately for Tuesday. The Regulars went them one better and selected Monday. Then Dr. C. R. Layton took the authority to call the Union delegates to Georgetown on Saturday night and 45 of the 50 responded. Jos. L. Cahall Esqr., appealed for adjournment and harmony but he was outvoted at Layton's dictation and a ticket was named. The Regulars met on Monday and appointed a committee of conference and adjourned. On Tuesday the Unions met again, Layton saying the Saturday meeting was a caucus. They put the cart before the horse by endorsing Saturday night's ticket and then named a committee of conference. There are those who expect harmony and one ticket yet.

In Kent county the convention is met the same day and were very courteous to each other through conference committees but failed to agree on a common ticket. The county ticket is the same but the legislative branches differ except in one Senator and one Representative. There are those who believe an agreement will be reached on a common ticket. The tickets as nominated appear elsewhere.

THREE excellent appointments of postmasters—Hugo C. Browne for Wilmington, John W. Cassons for Dover, and Wm. Sipple for Milford—entered upon their work this week.

THE First Delaware is starving. The First Delaware has plenty to eat.

The First Delaware has no water to drink.

The First Delaware has an abundance of excellent water.

The above are the conflicting reports from our boys in blue. You can take your choice. We choose to believe that there may be an occasional shortage—not often. We have known guests at the best hotel tables declare there was nothing fit to eat on the tables—after they had gorged.

THERE are undoubtedly several excellent Republicans in the good list of those now seeking the nomination for Recorder of Deeds. Among them there is no more loyal Republican and competent man for the office than our fellow townsmen, Mr. G. W. W. Naudain.

MY MARYLAND.

It is estimated that J. Hanson Knorr proprietor of the Pleasant View vineyards at Tant Point, will have 30,000 baskets of grapes this year, notwithstanding he has lost nearly his entire crop of Concordes, from dry rot.

Last Thursday morning Florence Harris, aged nine years, living with W. A. McMullen, of Aiken, had a miraculous escape from drowning or being killed. She fell down a well thirty-five feet deep which contained over six feet of water, and without the aid of anyone, until within five feet of the top, she climbed out. She was unharmed.

The Galena baseball club wants to know whether the Chestertown papers heard anything of a recent game of baseball at Tolchester. Yes, and they have heard that Galena Club put up one of the finest amateur games played in the county. There is certainly no disposition on the part of the press to smother the glory of the Galena champions.—Chestertown Transcript.

Mr. George Dixon, of Millington stands the unquestioned champion watermelon raiser of Kent. He gathered a monster 63 pounder from his patch last week.

The members of the Galena band and friends are completing arrangements for the big tournament on next Thursday. Galena will make a gay day of it and what may be termed "a bit time" is expected. The list of entries is large, Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot and Cecil counties, and Delaware being represented. All of the sections will be represented on the list of marshalls, and at present general enthusiasm is at the highwater mark.

The board of school commissioners have decided to introduce a department of Manual Training into the Chestertown public school. This feature has been introduced into the Easton and St. Michael High Schools and has been generally popular.

SEPTEMBER WEATHER.

The character of the first four days in September argues that this will be a record breaking month in many ways.

Never so far as the records of the local weather bureau extend has the month of September started out with anything approaching the high temperature of the last four days of last week. The nearest to the record of this month was on the first two days of September, 1894, when the mercury went up to 84 on the first day and 84 on the second. If the rest of September is modeled on the style of the first four days the average mean temperature will be greatly exceeded. This, however, is unpredictable and the weather man says there is no telling how the other remaining days will be.

All depends on conditions in the regions of the Southern Atlantic coast, and the tendency of the area of high barometer there to dissolve or continue business at the old stand. It has been warmer than in former Septembers during the progress of the month, but never at the start.

The average mean temperature of September for the last twenty-seven years has been 68 degrees.

The warmest September was in 1881, when the mean temperature was 77 degrees.

The coldest September was in 1871, when the mean temperature was 63 degrees.

The highest temperature ever recorded here in September was on the 7th of 1881, when the mercury reached 101 degrees.

The lowest ever recorded was 39 degrees, on September 30, 1888.

The average rainfall for the month is 3.83 inches.

It rains in September on an average of once every three days.

The year in which the least rain fell was 1884, when it was only .09.

The greatest amount of rain during twenty-four hours occurred on September 4, 1891, when 4 inches fell.

The average of clear days for the month are eleven; cloudy days eleven; and part cloudy days eight.

The prevailing winds are from the North and the highest velocity reached was thirty-eight miles an hour on September 20th, 1882.

There was one hot spell in September of 1885, which eclipsed the one we have been suffering, but it occurred near the middle of the month. In that year on September 20 the temperature was 90 degrees on the 21st, 92, 93, 90 degrees on the 22nd. On two consecutive days in 1884, the 9th and 10th of September, the temperature was 94 degrees. During these hot spells persons did not suffer to the extent they do now, because of the fact there was a wind stirring, which was not altogether from the South.

House-Seekers' Excursion

On the first and third Thursdays in September and October, 1898 the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will sell round-trip excursion tickets (good for 10 days) from Chicago, Milwaukee and other points on its line, to a great many points in Southern North Dakota, and other western and southwestern states at about one fare. Take a trip west and see the wonderful crops and what an amount of good land can be purchased for a little money. Further information as to rates, routes, prices of farm lands, etc., may be obtained on application to any coupon ticket agent or by addressing the following names persons: W. E. Powell, General Agent, 100 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago; H. F. Hunter, Immigration Agent for South Dakota, 29 Dearborn Street, Chicago, or Geo. H. Headford, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Illinois.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mr. John J. Messing has purchased the property adjoining his which is now occupied by Miss Annie Hunter contemplating the enlargement of his store.

The Misses McKnight returned to Philadelphia Saturday afternoon accompanied by their mother and brother who spent the day in town with them. Miss Bessie Robinson, who has been visiting relatives in Wilmington, made a brief visit at Mrs. Emma Robertson's last week while en route for Baltimore.

Aubrey Marchand, of Alliance, Ohio, is ill with typhoid fever, having been brought home from Cuba in this condition. Mr. Marchand is the son of the late Charles Marchand formerly of Delaware City. His mother is the sister of our Mayor.

Rev. Mr. Fisher and wife have left town and the pulpit in Christ Church will be filled during September by the Rev. Mr. Lewis.

Mrs. John R. Swain is visiting in Baltimore.

Rev. L. A. Oates returned from Rockhill, N. C., last week. Mr. Oates was unable to hold service on Sunday evening.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. John Corbin spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Corbin.

Mrs. Lewis Welker and son, of Philadelphia, are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Hester Spaar.

Messrs. Daniel Corbin, James Keegan and Frank Pennington spent Sunday at Atlantic City.

Miss Louise VanDyke is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. VanDyke. Miss VanDyke came up from Rehoboth where she has been spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. Frederick H. Burgess, on Tuesday.

Mr. George C. Gibson, of Phila., was the guest of his parents, Sunday and Monday.

Rev. W. O. Hurst and Mrs. Hurst have returned from a very pleasant vacation, spent with Mrs. Hurst's mother in her Maryland home.

Miss Ethel L. Mailley left on Monday for West Chester, Pa., where she will attend the Normal School. Her sister, Mrs. Wm. R. Davis, accompanied her, returning Tuesday.

The steamer Clyde made her last stop here for the season Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Vreeland, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday visitor at her sister's.

The Public Ledger of Wednesday reports there are 40 soldiers belonging to the 18th ill in the general hospital at Camp Meade. The regiment left for Pittsburgh on Friday to be mustered out.

The boys say they "left a little heaven when they left Delaware City but didn't know it." It seems they did not find one at Camp Meade although an ideal camp. Major Wiley has been appointed by Gen. Graham as chief medical officer at the general hospital.

The School Board decided to close the schools for the rest of the week on account of the hot weather.

Mr. W. Hutchinson was in town on Thursday.

Mrs. Emil Altman and children have returned to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. Howard Foard, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. Fred Price, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Annie Beek visited in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George VonCulin and Miss J. Marchand, of Bridesburg, are guests of Mrs. H. C. Johnnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reybold, of Philadelphia, are visiting at his father's.

Miss Annie Raymond, of Wilmington, is visiting town.

Mr. Harwood Ayers was in town this week.

Mr. E. Stratton spent Sunday at his home in Mullica Hill, N. J.

Mr. Eugene Cullison spent Sunday in town.

Mr. H. Gladfelter visited the Quaker City on Monday.

Miss Faunie and Esther Manko, of Philadelphia, were Wednesday visitors here.

Messrs. J. Thomas Price, Fred. Price, Harry Price, George Reybold, John Keane, John Patterson, Alex. Holliday, and George Price were to Betterton, Md., this week on a fishing trip.

Mr. Graham of the 18th regiment was in town this week en route for Atlantic City.

Miss Lena Sample spent Wednesday in town.

Miss Katherine and Annie Schunder and Miss Sue Sonders, of Wilmington, were entertained over Sunday by Miss A. Schunder.

Twenty of the regulars from the theater, Company M, were sent to Ft. Delaware on Wednesday.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. John Schunder and Miss Laura Frempel were united in marriage at the Manse by the Rev. Luther Oates. The bride was gowned in silk trimmed with chiffon and lace. The wedding was a private one; the bride's father and Mr. J. T. Price were the only witnesses. The bride is one of Delaware City's most popular young ladies, and many friends wish her happiness in her new life. She received some valuable presents.

Deaware State Fair, Dover

For the benefit of persons visiting the Delaware State Fair, to be held at Fairview Park, Dover, September 13, 14, 15, and 16, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad) will sell excursion tickets, including admission to the grounds, from principal stations on the Maryland Division and from all points on the Delaware Division and Branches, at greatly reduced rates. Tickets will be sold from September 13, to 16, inclusive, good until September 17 inclusive.

The close of the fair promises to exceed all former years in size and attendance. Last year's premiums will be offered on bicycle, trotting, and running races, and grand display of cereals and live stock will prove most interesting and instructive.

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TOWNSEND NOTES.

Miss Beulah Naylor is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. Maggie Money and daughter Ella, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. Wm. Money this week.

Miss Lizzie Disch has returned to her home near Leipzig.

Miss Ida Maloney, of New Castle, spent last week with Miss Ella Money.

Frank Maloney, of New Castle, visited relatives here on Saturday.

Mrs. Lillie Lamp, of Deerfield, N. J., is visiting her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Naudain.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Lee near town on Tuesday evening.

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